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CUBA.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.

August 24: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended August 21 there were in that city 5 deaths from yellow fever and 2 deaths from smallpox.

August 23: The United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the week ended August 22 there were in that city 11 deaths from yellow fever and no deaths from smallpox.

August 28: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended August 26 there were in that city 31 deaths from yellow fever and 1 death from smallpox.

August 30: The United States consular agent at Manzanillo reports that during the 2 weeks ended August 15 there were in that city 5 deaths from yellow fever.

August —: The United States consul at Santiago de Cuba reports that during the 2 weeks ended August 21 there were in that city 39 deaths from yellow fever.

August 23: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the 2 weeks ended August 21 there were in that city 82 cases and 3 deaths from yellow fever, and 52 cases and 3 deaths from smallpox.

August 31: The United States consul at Guantanamo reports that during the month of July, 1897, there were in that city 3 deaths from yellow fever and 1 death from smallpox.

Sanitary report from Habana.

HABANA, CUBA, August 28, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of the transactions of this office for the week ended Thursday, August 26, 1897, accompanied by the comparative mortuary statistics of the city of Habana for the past seven weeks. The work here during the past week has been arduous and unpleasant, all of the work having been performed by me, and many persons applying for certificates to go to the United States not admissable under the regulations; and I would here state that I found one family who applied for certificates to go to Tampa, Fla., bearing papers which stated that they were born in the province of Pinar del Rio, and on being questioned stated that they had lived in the country all their lives until two years ago, when they came to the city. They had never had yellow fever. When told that they could not go to Tampa they left the office, only to return a few days later, bearing an official statement that they were born in the city of Habana, and had resided here for some time. They were again rejected, when a physician's certificate was furnished that he had attended them during an attack of yellow fever. They were then rejected for the third time. This is but one of similar cases, and is described to demonstrate the difficulty of the work here, the persistency of the people here to transgress our sanitary laws, and the facility with which persons can get official papers to suit the requirements of the occasion.

Yellow fever has increased slightly over the week previous. Of the